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Raised Bill No. 470

LCO No. 1506

Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:
(ED)

An Act Concerning The Vocational-Technical Schools.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 2 of public act 99-281 is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) On and after July 1, 1999, the Commissioner of Education shall
4 include school building projects for the regional vocational-technical
5 schools on the list developed pursuant to section 10-283, as amended.
6 Prior to inclusion on the list, such projects shall be reviewed by the
7 Department of Public Works. The adoption of the list by the General
8 Assembly and authorization by the State Bond Commission of the
9 issuance of bonds pursuant to section 10-287d shall fund the full cost
10 of the projects. Funds for the projects shall be transferred to the
11 Department of Public Works and, upon such transfer, the projects shall
12 be subject to the requirements of chapters 59 and 60.

13 (b) The Department of Education shall prequalify construction
14 design professionals for purposes of school building projects for the
15 vocational-technical schools and shall maintain a list of such
16 prequalified design professionals. For the purposes of this subsection

17 "construction design professional" means (1) any person licensed as an
18 architect under the provisions of chapter 390, (2) any person licensed,
19 or exempted from licensure, as an engineer under the provisions of
20 chapter 391, or (3) any corporation organized to render professional
21 services through the practice of either or both of such professions in
22 this state.

23 Sec. 2. (NEW) The Department of Education shall provide in-service
24 training programs, in accordance with subsection (a) of section 10-220a
25 of the general statutes, for the teachers, administrators and pupil
26 personnel employed in the vocational-technical schools who hold the
27 initial educator, provisional educator or professional educator
28 certificate. In addition, the department shall provide programs to
29 enhance the knowledge and skill level of such teachers in their
30 vocational or technical field.

31 Sec. 3. (NEW) The Department of Education shall develop a
32 modified or remedial curriculum and provide the necessary textbooks
33 for such curriculum for students at the vocational-technical schools
34 who have deficiencies in the areas of reading and mathematics.

35 Sec. 4. If the Office of Policy and Management does not act upon a
36 request by the Department of Education to fill a teaching position in a
37 vocational-technical school by the tenth day after the date of its receipt
38 of such request, the request shall be deemed approved.

39 Sec. 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Department of Education to prequalify design professionals for purposes of school building projects for the vocational-technical schools. To ensure that teachers in the vocational-technical schools have access to professional development programs in their vocational or technical field. To require the department to offer modified or remedial programs for vocational-technical students who need assistance in the areas of reading and mathematics. To deem a request to fill a teaching position at a vocational-technical school

approved if the Office of Policy and Management does not act on the request within ten days.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]